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SUBJECT: DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF GOJ 1978 BUDGET

REF: A) AMMAN 9624 (NOTAL), B) AMMAN 9621 (NOTAL)  
C) AMMAN 322 (NOTAL)

1. THOUGH ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL GOJ BUDGET HAS OCCASIONALLY  
IN PAST BEEN DELAYED UNTIL AFTER BUDGET YEAR HAS BEGUN,  
FOR LAST TWO YEARS GOJ HAS JUST MANAGED TO ANNOUNCE BUDGET  
PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF BUDGET YEAR THROUGH DINT OF LAST  
MINUTE WORK TO COMPLETE BUDGET DOCUMENT. IT NOW APPEARS  
THAT 1978 BUDGET WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL ALMOST MID-JANUARY.

2. PRIME MINISTER BADRAN HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT  
1978 BUDGET WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL PRIME MINISTER  
MAKES VISIT TO RIYADH IN QUEST OF INCREASED SAUDI  
BUDGET SUPPORT. IN TOTAL, PRIME MINISTER TELLS US HE WILL SEEK  
APPROXIMATELY \$350 MILLION IN CASH GRANTS (INCLUDING  
\$40-50 MILLION AS SUBSIDY ON CRUDE OIL IMPORTS FROM  
SAUDI ARABIA) AND \$150 MILLION FMS CREDIT GUARANTEE.  
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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, TOTAL  
SAUDI CASH TRANSFERS IN 1977 (REF B)) WERE ABOUT \$210  
(\$30 MILLION IN KHARTOUM SUBSIDIES, \$40 MILLION IN OIL  
SUBSIDY, AND \$140 MILLION CHECK).

3. MAJOR PART OF PROBLEM IN 1978 BUDGET IS INCREASED  
ALLOCATION REQUESTED BY JORDANIAN MILITARY. JORDANIAN

MILITARY BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1978 MAY REACH CLOSE TO \$350 MILLION AS OPPOSED \$234 MILLION WRITTEN INTO DRAFT BUDGET DOCUMENT BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE. AMOUNT APPEARING IN DRAFT BUDGET EQUALLED ACTUAL MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN 1977, ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER.

4. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS 1978 BUDGET IS FINALIZED, EACH MINISTRY AND AGENCY COVERED BY BUDGET WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEND ONE-TWELFTH OF 1977 EXPENDITURES EACH MONTH.

5. WE BELIEVE WILLINGNESS OF SAUDIS TO COMMIT \$110 MILLION TO FINANCE JORDANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN CY 1978 (REF C)) IS ENTIRELY SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM PROSPECTIVE GOJ REQUEST FOR \$350 MILLION IN BUDGET SUPPORT.  
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